

Farm City Week winners honored at banquet



CHAPPLIE AND RUBY CURRINGTON received the 2000 Farm City Livestock Award. They are pictured above with Phil Farris, right, who presented the award on behalf of the Coffee County Cattlemen's Association.



JOHN AND SUE WAMBLES were awarded the Livestock Production award for their 90 head brood cow herd. Presenting the award on behalf of the Coffee County Cattlemen's Association was Phil Farris, right.



RALPH AND JOYCE MOODY are shown with their small farm Peanut champion plaque. They averaged 3,379 pounds on 54 acres. Presenting the plaque was Anderson Peanut company.



JACK B. WINDHAM was awarded the Forestry Management Award for 2000. Pictured above are Farm City Chairman Ken Farris and Charolette and Jackie Windham. Also present during the ceremony was Windham mother, Mrs. Jessie Windham.



THE ELBA CLIPPER, published in Elba for 103 years, was named Business of the Year at the annual Farm City Banquet. Shown above are Ferrin and Heddy Cox, owners and presenter Kay Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce.



ENTERPRISE JUNIOR COLLEGE received the 2000 Industry of the Year award. Pictured above are Kathy Sauer, President of the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Stafford Thompson, president of ESC and John McClean, chairman of the Enterprise Chamber Board of Directors.



CENTURY AND HERITAGE FARM - the Caylor Farm was honored with a statewide recognition reserved for farms which have been owned and operated by the same family for over 100 years. Pictured are father Guy Taylor, his son Bill, their wives and Farm City Chairman Ken Farris. Only one other Coffee County has been so honored.



LOTT FARMS, in the New Hope Community, was named the Outstanding Cooperator of the Year. Pictured are Carl and Renee Lott and Myrtle and Charles Lott being presented their honor by Mike Farris, representing the Coffee County Soil and Water Conservation District.



SNELL FARMS of New Brockton, owned and operated by the James and Gail Snell family, was the 2000 Coffee County Farm of Distinction during Farm-City Week. The Snell family is shown with Farm City Chairman Ken Farris, left and Coffee County Extension Agent Stan Windham, right.



TRIPLE K FARMS honored as the Conagra Breeder of the Year. Pictured are Rick Tolus and Drake Hanson of Conagra and Daryl Kersey, owner of Triple K Farms.



KENNETH WALLS was named the Coffee County Cotton Champion. He produced 528 bales on 448 acres. Pictured are Bobby Crutchfield and Kenneth and Elizabeth Walls with their plaque.



HOMER AND BILLIE JACKSON were named the Wayne Farms Top Pullet Growers. They are pictured with Wayne Meeks of Wayne Farms. Natives of Kentucky, they now make Enterprise their home.



BILLY AND JEANNIE EAGERTON, of the New Hope Community, were named as the Wayne Farms Top Broiler Grower of the Year. Pictured above are Sammy Dennis and Wayne Meeks with Mrs. Eagerton.



MIKE AND KRISTY SMITH were presented the Wayne Farms Top Producer of the Year award. Pictured above are Sammy Dennis and Wayne Meeks flanking Mr. and Mrs. Smith, who are holding their plaque.

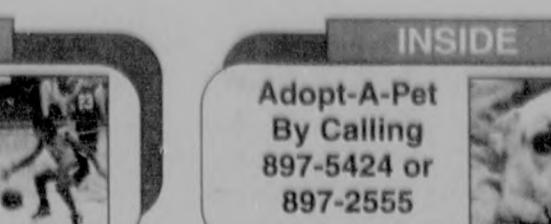


CARNLEY FARMS received the large farm Peanut Grower of the Year award, presented by Anderson Peanut Company. Pictured above are brothers Kenneth, Larry and Terry Carnley and Anderson's Mr. Reed. Father John Carnley is still alive, active and 82 years old.

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Elba City Council hears of problems with hunters shooting in residential areas

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council members voted Monday evening to rescind an October dress code which included coats and ties for council members during all meetings.

In the 4-2 vote, the council will depend on Mayor James Grimes to notify them of any special meetings in which they will again don their formal attire.

Voting for the change were councilmen L. M. Burch, David Brundt, Junior Culver and Mayor

Grimes. Voting against the change were Councilmen Harold Spicer and Ronnie Hines.

Following the vote Hammond was obviously upset, saying that hundreds of citizens had expressed to him their appreciation that the city fathers chose to show their pride in such a way.

Spicer said the city fathers handle a lot of money each month on behalf of the people of Elba and

needed to "not come dressed like a bunch of cotton pickers."

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth told council members of a problem in the Brookdale area with hunting near homes and a day care center. The chief said he had talked with the hunter with the hunting lease, who was not ugly, but expressed concern over having purchased the hunting lease and now being asked to stop hunting in the area.

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Several homes and other buildings have been hit in recent years by hunters using them as hunting grounds.

Right now, it is not against the law to hunt within the city limits, but reckless endangerment laws would apply, according to the chief.

In other business the council was told about the closing of the Carroll Street Bridge (for repair); getting a \$3,760 reduction in the new Workman's Comp insurance policy; the city winning back title to two emergency vehicles from the incomplete fire truck; and the council's request to lease the Rescue Squad Building and approved Grimes endorsing as Mayor of Elba, the ESJC \$6,000,000 fund drive.

Dorsey Trailers employees notified of health insurance termination

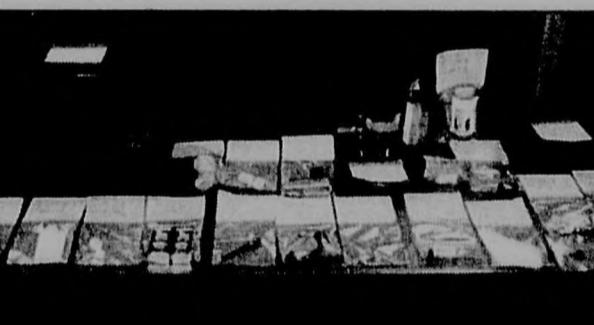
Employees of Dorsey Trailers began getting letters this week notifying them that their Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance was terminated effective November 11, 2000. Claims incurred on or after such date are not covered.

For the benefit of these employees who need health insurance, they can contact Alabama Health Insurance Plan (AHP) at 1-877-619-2447.

Individuals in one of the groups eligible for this state sponsored insurance are those who "your most recent continuous coverage was under a group health plan, government plan, or church plan."

A number of private insurance companies also write health insurance for individuals and families.

New Brockton police arrest couple on drug trafficking charges



Pictured above are some of the items collected from the residence during the execution of the search warrant.

The Shepards were arrested and placed in the county jail. Both appeared before District Judge Steve Blalock today in an initial appearance and their bond was set at \$100,000 each. They remain in the county jail.

The New Brockton Police Department is continuing its investigation and further charges may be pending.

Abducted Ohio children found in Coffee County returned to families

Police Reserve officers Sgt. George Hutcherson, Shawn Wilson, Chris Sanders, David Cox and Tim Martin were confirmed what is believed to be the ingredients and making of methamphetamine.

The New Brockton Police Department had received several calls from the public and suspected Mrs. Shepard of manufacturing and selling methamphetamine. After following a lead and a controlled buy, police officers were able to obtain a search warrant allowing them to enter the residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Shepard were stopped on a traffic stop by Chris Davis, an investigator with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, and New Brockton Police Officers Michael Hines, Capt. Dale Grimes and Capt. Dan Richards and Capt. Dale Grimes were enroute with the search warrant. Both Mr. and Mrs. Shepard were detained, the search warrant was served, and at approximately 6:30 p.m., officers executed the warrant and entered the residence.

Officers assisted by New Brockton

Two year-old Samantha Waddell, missing since October 2000, was returned to her parents who came from West Virginia.

Both children were taken by their non-custodial grandmother, Marsha L. Martin.

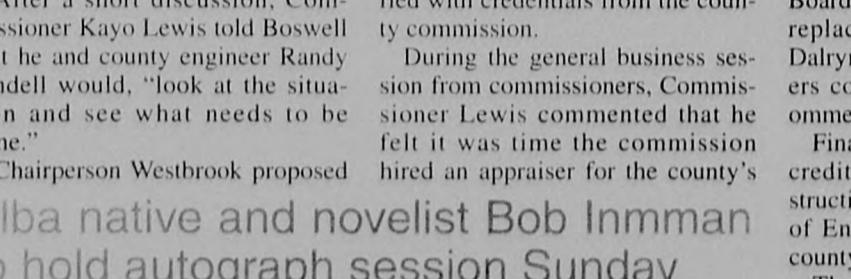
Martin and a female accomplice had been keeping the children under assumed names in the Zion Chapel area for an undetermined length of time.

Late Saturday night (Nov. 18), sheriff's deputies and technicians checked the identities of the individuals involved. After checking with Morgan County, Ohio Sheriff's Department and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, they were able to obtain pictures of the children and the abductor.

The information received also gave partial information about the residence, and its location, where the children were supposed to be. Deputies were able to find a possible residence and approached the occupant who initially led them to believe they knew nothing about the children. Finally, through their persistence, deputies were given permission to enter the dwelling and search it. Once inside, Marsha L. Martin was found hiding in a closet, six-year-old Tabitha was concealed in another closet, and two-year-old Samantha was

NEWS BRIEF

The Alabama Department of Transportation will be holding a design public hearing on the replacement of the Ballard Bridge over the Pea River on Monday, December 18, 2000. The hearing will be held in the Ino Baptist Church located on AL Hwy. 134 in the Ino Community between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.



Elba native and novelist Bob Inman to hold autograph session Sunday

Novelist and Elba native Robert Inman will be at The Birr Patch in Elba this upcoming Sunday, Dec. 3, from 1-3 p.m. autographing his new book, *Coming Home*.

Inman writes of growing up in Elba and of his childhood with his boyhood friend "Booger" Winston. He writes, too, of life and love, home and family.

Longtime Inman fans will be pleased to hear that a whole section of this book has been devoted to the Southern wit and wisdom of Delbert Earle and his great-uncle Orestes.

Like his novels, *Coming Home*, is rooted in the joys and fascinations of the South's rural environment, upholding, where he puts it, "You get to look people in the eye day after day and learn who they are and how to get along with them."

Inman spent more than a quarter-century as a TV journalist and news anchor before leaving in 1996 to come home to his first love - writing. He is the author of three novels, all published by Little, Brown and Co.: *Home Fires Burning* (1987), *Old Dogs and Children* (1990) and *On Green Days* (1997). He is currently at work on a novel, *Captain Saturday*, to be published by Little, Brown.

Besides his books, Inman has also written seven screenplays, two of which have been Hallmark Hall of Fame presentations. In addition, he writes a column for the Sunday *Charlotte Observer*. He is the author of three novels, all published by Little, Brown and Co.: *Home Fires Burning* (1987), *Old Dogs and Children* (1990) and *On Green Days* (1997). He is currently at work on a novel, *Captain Saturday*, to be published by Little, Brown. Besides his books, Inman has

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING. The New Brockton Town Council will hold its monthly meeting Monday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. in the council's chamber located in New Brockton Town Hall.

ALBERTA MARTIN DAY. This year's celebration will be held on Monday, Dec. 4, from 2-3 p.m. at the Elba Nursing Home. Mrs. Martin is the last living Confederate Widow. Everyone is invited to attend this special celebration.

RETRIED TEACHERS MEETING. The Coffee County Association of Retired Teachers and Support Personnel will meet Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 11 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at Enterprise State Junior College. The ESJC entertainers will perform. Cutts Restaurant will cater the meal. For reservations, call Joan Lewis at 347-4612.

USDA OFFICE CLOSING. The USDA, Rural Development Office in Ozark, will be closed on Wednesday, Dec. 6, and will reopen at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7, 2000.

CHRISTMAS-AROUND-TOWN. New Brockton's annual Community Christmas Tree Lighting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 9 in the town park. Time to socialize and refreshments will be held at the Senior Citizens Center immediately after the lighting ceremony. At 7 p.m., a special music program will be performed by the First Assembly of God and the First United Methodist Church. The public is invited to attend the program of their choice.

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The right to vote is the cornerstone of our democracy. Our ability to freely cast a ballot - something which too many take for granted today - was won by the blood of Americans before us and continues to be protected by our men and women in uniform in a fractured arena of political will. Given these truths, it is absolutely shocking that some would seek to deny the very defenders of our freedom the right to be counted. The right to be counted American birthright - the right to vote.

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Rev. Homer Moore
First Assembly of God Church

The peace of God

John 14:27. Jesus said, "My peace I leave with you.... My peace I give to you!"

Many people live their lives in disarray. It is not because God has so willed it, it is because they will not take the peace He has offered them.

The Lord has made it an easy choice. He has given us His peace. My peace I give to you." Note, He did not say, "My peace I force on you."

He gives it to us, but for him to give it to us we have to be willing to accept it.

We too many times allow circumstances to determine whether or not we

are going to have a peaceful day or not. A man got very involved in college football. He had one team in particular that he pulled for each week.

When they won, he had a wonderful weekend, but if they lost he had a terrible weekend. His joy and peace within his heart each week was determined by the football team that he supported. He was allowing a couple

dozen college boys that he did not know personally decide on what kind of week end he was going to have. Too many of us allow things and people to

decide what kind of day we are going to have. One day as a preacher was

visiting his members, he came across a little boy that was selling a lawn

mower. The preacher was in need of a good mower, so he asked the young

lad how much he was asking for his mower.

The young boy told him and he was sat

down across a good deal. When he got home, he took the mower out of the trunk and went to the store to see what a good purchase he had made. He pulled on the cord, started the

motor, but it would not start. He took his coat off and pulled on the cord some more, and still it would not start. He rolled his sleeves up and pulled on the cord and it still would not start. He called the young boy up and said, "Son, I can't get this mower to start." The young boy said, "Oh I am

too embarrassed to tell you, before you can get it to start you have to curse it!" The preacher said, "Son, I can't do that, I am a minister, I do not

curse." He said, "In fact, it has been so long since I cursed I forgot how!"

The young boy said, "Preacher, you keep pulling on that cord, and it'll

come back to you." Everyday we encounter people and things that cause us

to loose our joy and peace. Too often these people and things in our lives

determine what kind of day we are going to have. Why not let Jesus determine

whether or not your day is filled with peace after all He did say that

He wanted to give it to us. "My peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you!"

The peace the Lord wants us to have is the kind of peace that He

gives us. He is the one who gives. The world gives a fake peace, but the

peace He gives is genuine. His peace comes as we steadfastly fix our eyes

on Him. Isaiah 26:3 - Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is

stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee. So if we will put our mind on

Him and not on people or things our daily activities can be filled with the

peace of God.

Today is a good day, be grateful!

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8th annual Drive-through
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St. Luke United Methodist church invites everyone to their 8th Annual Drive-through live Nativity on Saturday, Dec. 9, and Sunday, Dec. 10, from 7-9 p.m. The nine scene Live Nativity depicts the story of the birth of Jesus Christ and the events leading to his birth through scenes which include: Caesar's castle; Mary and Joseph; The Single Angel; Shepherds; Herod's Palace; The Travellers; The Inn; Four Angels and The Manager.

Cars may drive-through and view the Live Nativity at St. Luke United Methodist Church, located at 201 Heath Street near Enterprise High School, by entering from Heath Street and exiting on Alberta Street.

The Elba United Methodist Church of Elba will have their very impressive "Hanging of the Greens" Christmas Service on Sunday December 3rd. Everyone is invited to attend.

"Hanging of the Greens" Service planned at Elba UMC Sunday, December 3rd

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SCHOOLS

Co-Op Spotlight



by Tabitha Schultz

This week's co-op spotlight is Francie English, a 17-year-old employee of Kelly's BBQ. She answers the phone and waits tables. Francie's parents are Russ and Jo Ruth English. She is a member of VICA, is a First Baptist church youth leader, and is in the Coffee County Youth Leadership Program.

Francie states that her father and grandfather have inspired her the most. In her free time she likes to read, write poems and do things with friends.

Francie is undecided about a major but plans to attend college.

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Tiger Tales

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Mock Election Held At EHS

by Alan Head

On Wednesday, Nov. 1, students and faculty were allowed to pick their presidential candidate by voting in a mock election at Elba High School. Before the election, the student body was briefed about each candidate from a student speaker selected by Coach Boyd English. The speakers selected were: Chelsea Cooper representing Al Gore and Ross Atkinson representing George Bush. In the end, the school opted to vote like our state and picked Bush as their president by voting 275 to 107 in favor of Bush.

It Ain't Over Yet!

by Leanne Mallory

Many people think that because football season is over that the band has nothing to do, but that is simply not true. Now that football season is over, the Elba High School Band will begin its concert season. During concert season the band will perform Christmas and Spring concerts. The band will also participate in District Band Competition. Many members of the band will individually attend honor bands, and hopefully, will participate in the Alabama All-State Band festival. The band needs your support as much now as they did during marching season.

* * Students Of The Month * *



The students of the month for November are Alan Willis (left) and Miranda Russell (right).

Alan is in the seventh grade and was nominated by Karen Davis. She says, "Alan impressed me the first day of school. He has proved to be a great help to me with classroom responsibilities. He is energetic and always willing to do his part. His classwork is done with a lot of care, and he is a good role model."

Miranda is in the eleventh grade and was nominated by Kathy Tucker. Ms. Tucker says, "Miranda is a workaholic. Whether it's classwork, work in the office where she aids fourth block, or giving computer help to her teachers, Miranda's attitude is, 'Work me hard.' Her work ethic makes her stand out from the majority of her peers."

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The Elba City School System is sponsoring the annual Math-Á-Thon program for all interested students. Each year, more than 10,000 schools and almost 300,000 students participate in the Math-Á-Thon. The money brought in goes to St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. While this figure is impressive, it is only a fraction of the total annual operating costs of the hospital.

The average cost of treatment for a single patient during the first year is about \$50,000. Treatment for succeeding years drops to an annual cost of \$19,000. A typical treatment pattern is usually confined for an average of one and a half years.

Francie English, the most recent pediatric research facility in America established solely for the study of childhood catastrophic diseases. It is non-sectarian and open to children on a physician referral basis without regard to race, religion, creed, or financial status. All treatment costs, beyond that which might be reimbursed by health insurance, are paid from public contributions raised from events like Math-Á-Thon.

Math-Á-Thon is a meaningful, fun activity for students. It is a supplemental educational program that has been designed with the advice and assistance of professional educators, math teachers, and curriculum specialists. Students work math problems in special funbooks provided by St. Jude Hospital. The goal of Math-Á-Thon is to present a quality program for students that also benefits the life-saving research of children's catastrophic diseases at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Math-Á-Thon is an entertaining and enjoyable way for students to review basic math skills and exercise problem-solving techniques and critical thinking processes.

Elba Elementary School Menu Dec. 4 - 8, 2000

BREAKFAST

Monday - Cinnamon Toast, Applesauce, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Tuesday - Pancakes, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Thursday - Breakfast Pizza, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Taco Salad, Corn on Cob, 1/2 Apple, Milk

Tuesday - Vegetable Beef Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, 1/2 Orange, Milk

Wednesday - Chicken Wiggle, Corn, English Peas, Yam Patty, Milk

Thursday - Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, French Fries, Milk

Friday - Pizza, Broccoli w/cheese, Carrots, Peach Slices, Milk

by Chelsea Cooper

The students of the month for November are Alan Willis (left) and Miranda Russell (right).

Francie English is in the seventh grade and was nominated by Karen Davis. She says, "Alan impressed me the first day of school. He has proved to be a great help to me with classroom responsibilities. He is energetic and always willing to do his part. His classwork is done with a lot of care, and he is a good role model."

Miranda is in the eleventh grade and was nominated by Kathy Tucker. Ms. Tucker says, "Miranda is a workaholic. Whether it's classwork, work in the office where she aids fourth block, or giving computer help to her teachers, Miranda's attitude is, 'Work me hard.' Her work ethic makes her stand out from the majority of her peers."

Francie English's favorite subject is science because she loves to learn about nature.

Her favorite thing about Elba High School is Mr. Dunn's smile. The one class that she would like to take that isn't offered at EHS is ROTC.

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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba branch of the Mularz family went down to Orange Beach over the holidays for a family get-together, and after a Thanksgiving morning of football watching in two houses, filled a large table with enough food to feed a small army, the 21 brothers, sisters, cousins, aunts and uncles in attendance did their best to clean all the plates and leave nothing but empty dishes to be washed. The food was good, but not nearly as good as it was to get together with the family and share the day.

ELBA TIGERS MIGHT BE BETTER THAN MOST FANS THINK

The Elba Tigers are scheduled to open their basketball season this week, and while the early-season schedule is anything but an easy one, the Tigers appear to have a solid team and might actually be a lot better than most fans think. The Tigers did lose their top seven players off last year's Region Tourney squad and have little, or no experience. However, the Tigers have good size inside in juniors Tim Andrews (6-3) and John Mitchell (6-3), have three-point threats in senior Clay Sutley (5-10) and junior Matt Brooks (6-0), and have some hard-nosed players in senior Al Head (5-10), Mervin Burks (5-11) and sophomore Marcus Henderson (6-1). While it is true Elba won't be picked by any of the so-called experts to challenge for any titles, I have a hunch this bunch of Tigers will play hard every time they hit the court and will surprise a lot folks as the season goes along.

TOURNAMENT GIVES SNEAK PEEK OF AREA TEAMS

The Coffee County Thanksgiving Tournament was held last week at the Kinston High gym, and while the play was a little ragged at times in just about every game, that was to be expected as many of the players made the transition from football into basketball, and all the teams hit the court for the first time this season. Here is a quick sneak peek at what the fans saw....

ELBA LADY TIGERS - The Lady Tigers placed second in the girls' division to move their record to 2-1 and showed everyone that they would be a team to keep an eye on. The girls are the area's top players in Rosshanda McKinnon and Ayonna Proctor, and appear to have the size to score from inside with McKinnon and head coach Bludsworth. The Lady Tigers lost in the finals when they failed to come from behind the arc, and when they settle in and develop a inside game, to go along with their outside game, this team should be on its way to a winning season.

KINSTON BULLDOGS - The Bulldogs lost to 4A Opp in the semifinals and hit only 8 of 41 shots from the floor as they fell to 0-2 on the young season. Kinston was solid at times and got good position on just about every shot, but it was obvious that at least early in the season the Bulldogs don't have a player that is willing to step forward and lead the offense. The Bulldogs play well enough to win on the defensive end and seem to have the desire, someone simply has got to step up and score some points.

KINSTON LADY BULLDOGS - The Lady Bulldogs were simply outstanding all across the court in a semifinal loss to Elba as they slipped to 0-2 on the year. Kinston had to work hard to pull ahead, but failed to do it just could not get a shot to drop and was out of the game almost from the start. These girls will get better as the season progresses, and when the shots start falling they will surprise someone, and the players must realize that even though they might be outmatched at some times, if they play hard they will get better. Hey folks, this team ain't that bad.

NEW BROCKTON LADY GAMECOCKS - The Lady Gamecocks were solid in the first half and were ousted in the semifinals by Samson to slip to 0-2 on the young season. New Brockton doesn't have many players that can shoot from the outside, but don't really need any, since they play an up tempo game that leads to countless buckets inside and loads of lay-ups. When this team fine tunes its game on both offense and defense and gets some experience under its belt, watch out.

ZION CHAPEL REBELS - The Rebels were fresh off the football field and it showed in a big loss to Samson as they fell to 0-1. Zion Chapel has decent size and some good shooters, and will get better as the season rolls along. The Rebels and their fans just have to realize that many nights the Rebels will be outmatched, and that the key to the early-season will be improvement, and not so much wins.

ZION CHAPEL LADY REBELS - The Lady Rebels got off to a slow start against a good Samson team and fell to 0-1 with an opening round loss. Zion Chapel has some girls that will play hard and give it all they have, but early in the season the Lady Rebels will have to be satisfied with getting better and not worrying about what the scoreboard might read. Believe me, they will get better.

DUSTING OFF THE DESK....

*** The Troy State Trojans entered the NCAA 1-AA playoffs talking big about winning the national title in their final season in the division, but just like all the other years, didn't back up the talk and was shown to the door in what TSU fans called an upset. I had a feeling Appalachian State would get past the Trojans, mainly because Troy had to fast-track its success in its hurry to move to Division 1 status, and more times than not it simply does not work. Troy State has a good small college program, but it's a small college program, and should accept it and go on.

The Alabama High School Athletics Association's state football playoffs continued last week, and for the third straight week saw the play-offs come to a screeching halt. The games went on as planned, but the song, fields and sunny weather were not there. The one excitement that is what the playoffs are all about. Now that the playoffs are over, and the semifinals, there are still three undefeated teams in the hunt (Alderson, Daphne and Williamson), nine region runners-up and even four third place finishers in their regions (Greene County, Litchfield, Trinity and Russellville). All of last year's champs have been eliminated, and the semifinals will include three region champs against their runners-up, with Maplesville at Reeltown, Pisgah at Geraldine and LeFlore at Daphne.

*** In closing, the rumor mill continues to churn about who the new coach will be at Alabama, and now the naming of a coach might be hampered by an announced NCAA visit to Tuscaloosa. If you don't think Alabama has problems, guess again. Finding a new coach might be the easiest thing the folks up at Bama will do in weeks to come if the NCAA sneaks hang around for long.

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Fall to Samson in finals 49-40

Elba Lady Tigers settle for second



The Elba Lady Tigers opened the 2000-2001 basketball season last week in the Coffee County Thanksgiving Tournament and claimed two wins in three tries to bring home the runner-up trophy.

Samson won the six-team tournament, while other teams in the event included Arinton, Kinston, New Brockton and Zion Chapel.

Following are highlights of the Lady Tigers' games in the annual event:

ELBA 39

The Elba Lady Tigers used a 13-2 run in the second half to take control and roll to a 38-11 win over the Lady Cats. Atron.

Arinton pulled out an early 4-0 lead and owned a 12-9 advantage after one quarter, but the Lady Tigers tightened up on the defensive end in the second stanza and held Arinton scoreless to sneak on top 13-12 by the end of the half.

Arinton reeled the lead at 19-15 with 4:49 left in the third quarter. However, Elba's Laguna Mack scored seven straight points to give the Lady Tigers a 22-19 lead at 1:21 remaining in the stanza, and Rosshanda McRae then scored the game's next six points as Elba moved on top 28-19 with 2:28 left in the game!

The Lady Tigers stretched their lead to 31-21 with 3:38 left on a free-throw by McKinnon and easily held on for the impressive 39-29 season-opening win over the Lady Cats.

Rosshanda McKinnon scored 21 points to lead Elba, while Laguna Mack added 9. Liptrot and Oliver 4 each.

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Ayonna Proctor and Lucy Carlile scored 7-0 each to lead Elba to a 22-4 lead into the second stanza after a late lay-up by Ayonna Proctor, and the Lady Tigers kept on rolling as their lead grew to 29-15 with 3:56 left in the half on a bucket by Rosshanda McKinnon.

Two free-throws by Elba's Lucy Carlile with 0:44 remaining enabled Elba to carry a 33-6 lead into the locker room at halftime, and the Lady Tigers then turned it over to the reserves in the third quarter as Kinston outscored Elba 3-2 to cut the lead to 35-31 heading into the final stanza.

Ayonna Proctor and Lucy Carlile sparked a 7-0 Lady Tiger run early in the fourth quarter as Elba grabbed its biggest lead of the night with 42-13 with 3:27 remaining, but the Lady Tigers failed to score again after the closing minutes of play, and at the final horn had the 42-21 win.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Elba plans Christmas Tour of Homes

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will sponsor its Christmas Tour of Homes on Sunday, Dec. 10, from 2-4 p.m. The tour will feature four Elba homes this year, and each has its own distinct design for Christmas. Ticket cost is \$5 each, and they may be purchased at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office, Denise's Hair and Nail Salon or the Briar Patch. The tour will include the homes of: Stevie and Denise Sauls, Jim and Jennifer Hughes, Scott and Sabrina Kelley and Jimmy Harrison, Al Baxter and Alberto Herrera.



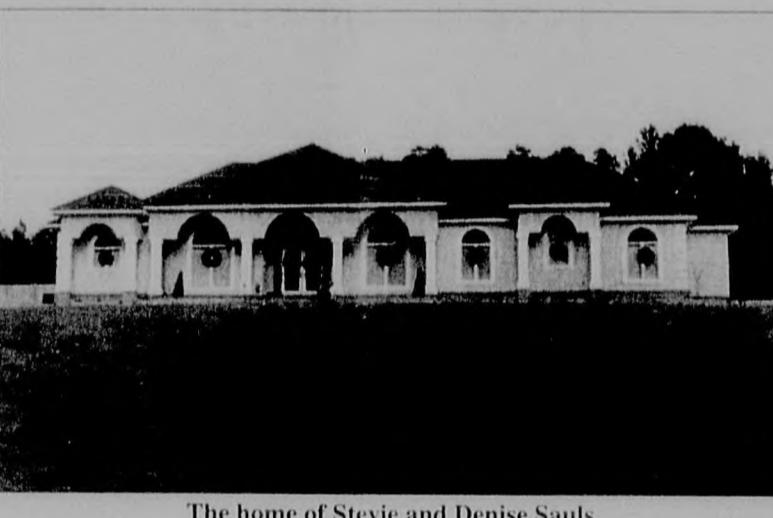
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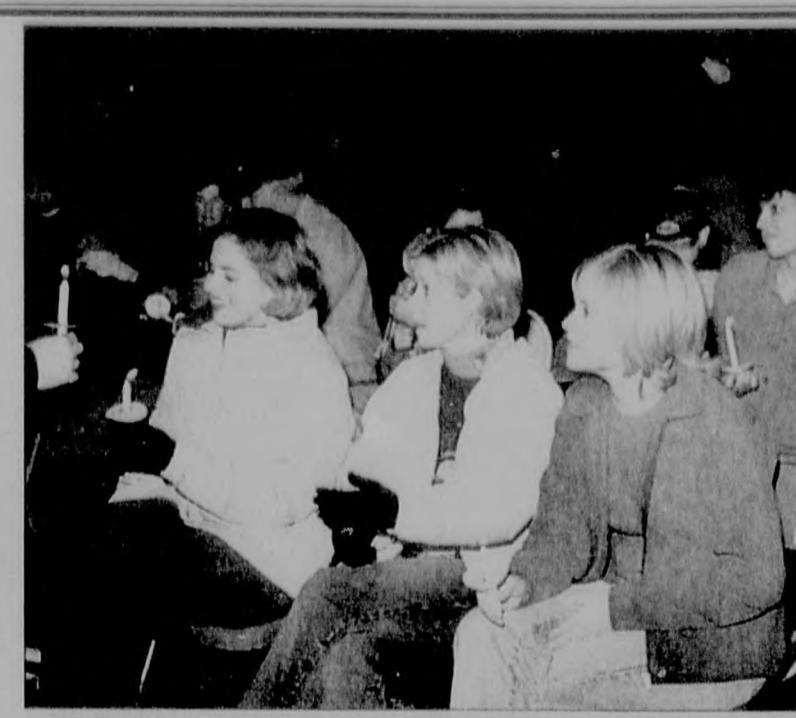
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ELBA'S ALL-STAR LIGHTING CEREMONY

SPECIAL... The Elba Chamber of Commerce closed the 13th Annual Christmas Festival in a special way last Saturday evening when it held the 2nd Annual All-Star Lighting Ceremony. The ceremony was created to honor some of Elba's big hearted citizens. Above: Rhonda Stephens (center) sits with her two daughters, Mary Frances (left) and Elizabeth (right) as candles were being lit by this year's All-Stars. The ceremony was especially memorable for the Stephens' ladies as husband and father, Daniel Stephens, was one of the 18 honorees. The lighting ceremony is relatively new to the people of Elba, but it has already become an extraordinary event as it allows the citizens of Elba to show their appreciation to those

Elba's All-Stars for the year. The selected honorees are: Amison, Rev. John Baxter, Dean Blair, Bill Bullard, Benna Dye, Dressed Cook, David Madl, Jalonni Pam Maddalon, Lucia Granham, Dr. Robert Paul, Rayfield Reynolds, Alberto Herrera, Daniel Stephens, Kaye Whitworth, Doris Matthews, Wesley Kelley, JoAnn Rainier and Jerry Kelley.



CROWD PLEASER... This is only a portion of the large crowd that attended the All-Star Lighting Ceremony. This new Elba tradition is quickly becoming one of the year's most anticipated events as it allows the town's citizens to show their appreciation for one another.

13th annual Christmas Parade winners announced

Winners from the 13th Annual Elba

Christmas Parade were as follows:

Float - 1st Place: New Salem's

Study Club's MAGIC CHRIST-

MAS FLOAT; 2nd Place: Repre-

sentative Terry Spicer; 3rd Place:

National Security Group, Inc.

Decorated Vehicles - 1st Place:

Tee Miss Coffee County; 2nd

Place: Azalea Garden Club; 3rd

Place: Santa Claus (Fire De-

partment)

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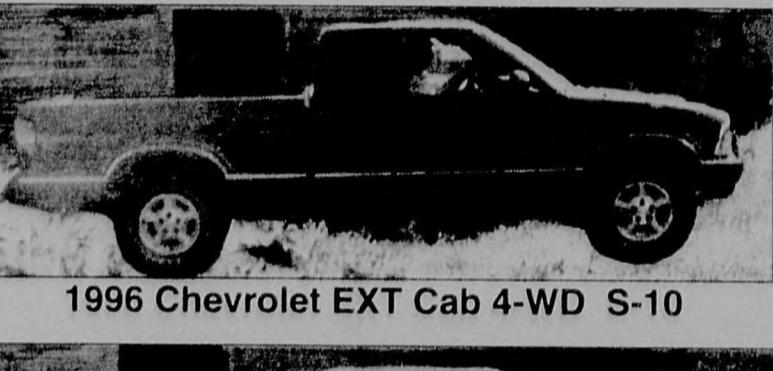
Due to the layoff at Dorsey Trailers and the cutback at Kleinert's, some students may be eligible for free or reduced lunch. Parents thinking their child may qualify can come by Elba Elementary School and fill out the appropriate application or call Shannon Cattrell at 897-2814 and ask for an application to be sent home by the student.

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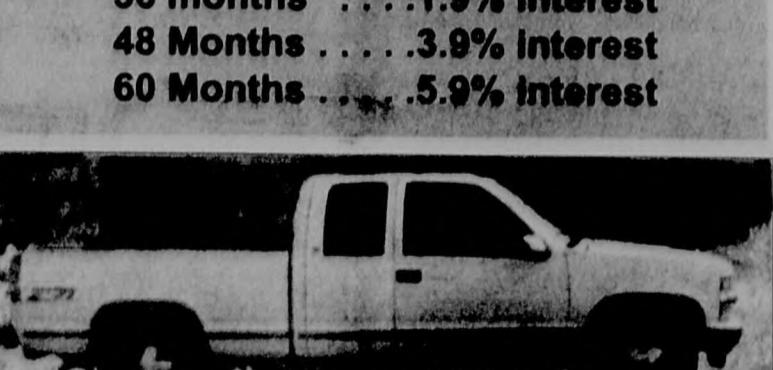
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